737. The Central Nursery at Antharagange in Kolar Range continued to be maintained for supply of seedlings.

738. There were 49 elephants and 4 calves at the end of the year. Two wild tuskers were captured during the year and one died. The Calf of Lalitha was presented to the U.S.S.R., the Calf of Kamala was presented to his Imperial Majesty the Shahen Shah of Iron; the Calf of Kalyani was presented to the Admar Mutt of Udipi. Elephants.

739. The Department continued to bestow as much importance and attention to the preservtion of the fauna as it did in respect of forest flora. Wild Life Preservation.

740. Formation of a National Park in the Tungabhadra Project area was engaging the attention of the Department.

741. The Venugopala Wild Life Park (310-34 sq. miles) in Mysore District and Jagger Valley Wild Life Park (61.29 sq. miles) in Bhadravathi Division were being maintained.

742. The Bandipur Wild Life Sanctuary and the Ranganathittoo Bird Sanctuary were also maintained.

743. The Malnad ryots were continuing to extract large quantities of timber under rights and privileges.

744. The Mysore Forest Act was extended to Bellary District at the end of the year.

745. The Department continued to achieve considerable progress in all its various activities connected with the management, afforestation, exploitation, research and general administration.

(viii) Marketing Department.

746. The number of weights and measures sold and tested, the amount collected as testing fees, number of cases launched, etc., were as follows:—

1.	Units of weights and measures presented for testing		82,520
2.	Units of weights and measures certified for correctness		81,374
3.	Testing fees collected	Rs.	12,467
4.	Units of weights and measures sold by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures ...		13,754
5.	Value of weights and measures sold ...	Rs.	34,357

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6. (*a*) Number of cases launched under Weights and Measures Act.	...	145
(*b*) Number of cases which ended in conviction	...	151
(*c*) Fines realised	...	Rs. 3,841

747. A total sum of Rs. 6,65,000 was given by the Government by way of loans to the several Regulated Markets in the State for the purpose of undertaking developmental works such as acquisition of sites, construction of action sheds, market yard office buildings, etc.

748. The Regulated Markets at Tiptur, Davangere, Mysore, Chitaldrug, Shimoga, Tumkur, Arsikere, Bellary and Saklespur continued to work satisfactorily.

749. Sanction was accorded for establishing Regulated Markets at Channapatna, Bangalore, Nanjangud and Sira during the year.

750. The compulsory grading of both hen and duck eggs was continued at the Government Egg Grading Station, Mysore.

751. The grading of Flue cured Virginia Cigarette Tobacco as per the 'Agmark' specifications was continued by the Mysore Tobacco Co., Ltd., Bangalore at their Grading Station situated at Whitefield during the year and 3,09,316 lbs. of tobacco valued at Rs. 1,38,475 was graded.

752. Information of the following points was collected and furnished to the Agricultural Marketing Advisor to the Government of India, New Delhi :—

1. Availability of oranges for purposes of processing to manufacture orange juice and orange concentrate and similar information with regard to Amla and tomatoes;
2. Scheme for setting up cold Storage Plants in the State for potatoes;
3. Production of several fruits in the State;
4. Fruit preservation industry in the State;
5. Grade specification that may be adopted for commodities likely to be brought by growers to Warehouses.

Market News Service.

753. The publication of the daily market rates of Bangalore Market in the local Newspapers was continued. The Bangalore market rates were also sent to the All-India Radio, Bangalore for broadcasting.

754. The weekly market rates of copra and cocoanuts as prevailed at Tiptur and Arsikere were sent to the Secretary, Indian Central Coconut Committee, Ernakulam for publication in the "Indian Coconut Journal".

755. The weekly market reviews on the trend in the arrivals and prices of agricultural commoditities as prevailed at the several Regulated Markets in Mysore State were sent to the All-India Radio, Bangalore, for broadcasting in their "Rural Programme".

756. The fortnightly wholesale and retail prices of several important agricultural commodities and livestock products as prevailed at the several District Headquarters in the Mysore were published in the *Mysore Gazette.*

Warehousing Activities.

757. On the recommendation made by the Rural Credit Survey Committee, the Government of India decided to introduce a Bill called the Agricultural Produce (Co-operative Development and Warehousing) Bill, 1955, to provide for the establishment of an All-India Warehousing Corporation and the State Warehousing Corporation for establishing Warehouses in all the important trade centres in the country.

758. The Marketing Department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition and in the Congress Exhibition held at Bangalore during the year and put up an attractive and instructional show by displaying Agmark publicity posters, Agmark grade lables, several interesting photo graphs and charts depicting the steady progress and working of the Regulated Markets in Mysore State, etc. Demonstrations in testing, grading and marking of eggs were also conducted for the benefit of the public.

(ix) Co-operative Societies and Land Mortgage Banks.

759. The total number of all types of Co-operative Societies in the State was 6,008 (5,883). The membership, paid-up share capital and working capital of these institutions